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Central Maine Power (CMP) Maine The Corps of Engineers has informed EPA that while an application has been submitted by CMP, many gaps remain. A third-party peer review of the application on behalf of ME DEP found a bunch of inaccuracies on the delineations and tabulations of the impacts. The Corps suspects that they are still months away from any kind of Public Notice. Since the demise of the Northern Pass project in NH, this project has been on a fast track to take its place. While most of the proposed corridor would abut existing transmission lines, 28% of the corridor would be on a new alignment, very similar to the Northern Pass proposal.

Maine ILF Program The 2018 funding round for ILF is underway in Maine. The Request for Letters of Intent has been sent out and the website has been updated with 2018 information. The program has over \$3.5 million available this year, since a good amount of the money from last year was not spent.

NH ILF Program The 2018 funding round has begun in NH. Since they did not provide funding for projects in 2017, monies have built up for two years and \$4.8 million are available for applicants this year. Over 40 pre-applications have been submitted, and final applications are due at the end of August. NH is also trying to decide if they should continue to fund projects every two years or return to the cycle of funding projects each year.